IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PATENT

In re Application of : W. A. H. Berkvens

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Examiner : Trevillian Highter

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 14, 2007, having a shortened period for response which expired on February 14, 2008, applicant hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for a <u>one-month</u> extension of time and the requisite fee being paid.

In response to the Office Action of November 14, 2007, please amend the application and consider the remarks as follows:

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 8 of this paper.